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Isle of Wight Festival

A celebration in pictures

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School reforms update

Creating green energy from waste



The recent months have been a busy time for the council with the publication of the final proposals for our school reforms.

We have now begun consultation on the school-by-school details under these plans and a list of these is provided in this edition of the magazine.

Considerable progress is also being made with the Eco Island vision, and in this issue we bring you information on our exciting links with the University of Southampton as well as a review of the successful recent Big Green Picnic at Newport.

Continuing the Eco Island theme, we turn the spotlight on the Island's new £8 million gasification plant, which will be creating green energy from waste – enough to power more than 2,000 homes.

Alongside the Eco Island vision are the many One Island improvement projects, as identified by residents for attention, and in this issue we bring you updates on some of these. There will be progress with more of these projects during the summer months as we work hard to bring you better and more cost-effective council services.

**Councillor David Pugh
Leader, Isle of Wight Council**

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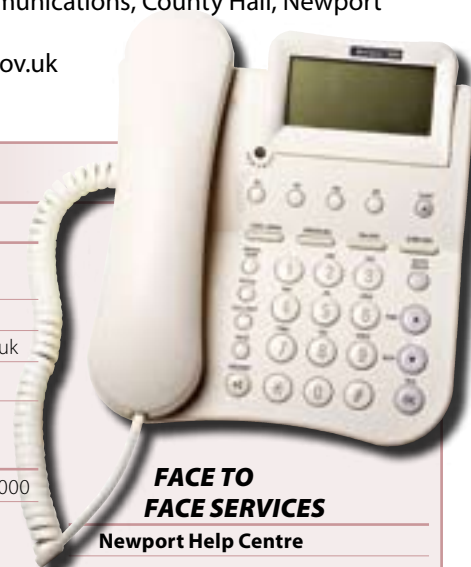
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Freshwater PO40 9AP

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Wootton Bridge PO33 4NU

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Council (council chamber)

16 July (6pm)

Cabinet (committee room one)

29 July (6pm)

Planning Committee (council chamber)

22 July (4pm)

Licensing Sub-committee (committee room one)

14 July (4pm)

Scrutiny Committee (committee room one)

31 July (6pm)

Ethical Standards Committee (committee room one)

21 July (6pm)

General Purposes Committee (committee room one)

7 July (4pm)

Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing (committee room one)

9 July (6pm)

Policy Commission for Business and Infrastructure (committee room one)

23 July (6pm)

Policy Commission for Safer Communities (committee room one)

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Crackdown on anti-social drinking in Ryde



The council and Hampshire Constabulary have joined forces with off licences in Ryde in a new initiative to tackle alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in the town.

Since last month, 15 off licences – including specialist stores and supermarkets – have been refusing to sell alcohol on Fridays and Saturdays to anyone aged under 21.

Though alcohol can legally be purchased by anyone aged 18 or over, the council's environmental health team and police hope the tighter voluntary regulation will help stop problems currently being caused by drunken youths.

Police are concerned about the levels of violent crime in Ryde, and Home Office figures suggest 44 per cent of violence can be attributed to alcohol.

Since 23 May, alcohol sales have been restricted to over 21s from 3pm to closing time on Fridays and Saturdays, the days when drink-related crime is most common.

The scheme is the latest in a line of steps taken by the council, police and partners to address the problem of alcohol-related crime in Ryde.

A DPPO (Designated Public Place Order) has been introduced and the police have carried out numerous joint enforcement visits to licensed premises. Test purchasing has also been undertaken by police and council trading standards officers. Radios are in place in Ryde pubs and off licences to ensure effective communication with emergency services and other radio users.

Councillor Diana Tuson, cabinet member for safer communities, said: "What is particularly pleasing about this project is how the off licences themselves have also supported it. We know from our test purchasing exercises that the vast majority of off licences are extremely responsible and this is further – and very welcome – evidence of that."

Pc Adrian Cleightonhills said: "By depriving these youths of off licence sales, we hope to promote responsible drinking and stop alcohol consumption in such high levels on the streets of Ryde, which is good news for their own health and safety and also for the wider community."



Views invited on flood plan

Isle of Wight residents are being invited to comment on how flooding should be managed on the Island over the next 100 years.

The Environment Agency is asking for views on its draft Isle of Wight Catchment Flood Management Plan to be submitted by 11 July.

Catchment flood management plans are large-scale plans that identify how flooding can be managed long term.

Copies of the document are avail-

able for inspection at libraries in Newport, Ryde, Cowes, East Cowes, Sandown and Ventnor. The draft plan can be viewed at www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Comments should be sent (by 11 July) to: Regional Strategic and Development Planning, Environment Agency, Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1LD or to joss.carter@environment.agency.gov.uk

Andrew Gilham,

flood risk manager, said: "Following the consultation period we will finalise the best management options for the area and a set of policies that will enable us to manage flood risk effectively and reduce flood risk for people, property and the environment."

• For information about the Environment Agency's flood warning service call Floodline on 0845 9881188 or visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodline



Healthy eating for the over 60s

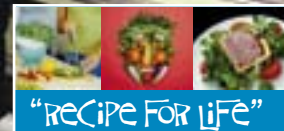
An event is being held next month to help Island residents over the age of 60 to eat more healthily and maintain good food hygiene.

The council's environmental health department and the Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust are hosting the Recipe for Life event at the Riverside Centre, Newport

on 2 July from 10am.

Anyone over the age of 60 is invited to attend and there will be practical demonstrations and performances, refreshments, and free transport from certain Island locations.

• To book a place for the free event and for more information on travel, please call 823000.



"RECIPE FOR LIFE"



Conservation matters...

First historic buildings trade show

A major trade show was staged by the council's conservation and design team at Northwood House, Cowes earlier this year.

The show brought together property owners, advisers, craftsmen and agents who work with the built heritage, and was supported by English Heritage and the Listed Property Owners' Club.

The event hosted 20 trade stands, eight lectures and attracted more than 200 people. There were practical demonstrations by the Hampshire Building Preservation Trust allowing visitors to try plastering and other skills, and also talks about recent conservation projects such as the work at



Contacting the team

The conservation and design team can be contacted at Seaclose Offices, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2QS, tel: 823552, email: conservation@iow.gov.uk

Sts Thomas Church, Newport.

Specialists from the mainland attended, including glass conservators and archaeologists, and helpful printed guides were provided on issues as diverse as lead roofs, flooding in historic buildings and the maintenance of war memorials.

If you would like to find out about getting involved in this type of trade

event in the future, please email an expression of interest to conservation@iowight.com

Re-use and recycle old buildings

The council's conservation and design team attended the recent Big Green Picnic at Newport – taking the opportunity to promote awareness about saving energy through converting and refurbishing old

buildings.

Energy use in housing accounts for 27 per cent of the UK's total carbon dioxide emissions.

Refurbishment provides an opportunity to slow depletion of resources and to enhance environmental performance by upgrading fabric, structure and mechanical systems.

Detailed

information on energy conservation in traditional buildings is now available at www.iowight.com

Architectural Heritage Fund - illustrated lecture

Representatives of the Architectural Heritage Fund have been invited to the Island to give an evening presentation on their work supporting England's building preservation trust charities.

The event, scheduled for 23 July at Quay Arts, Newport, will be an opportunity for those interested to meet the Cowes Hammerhead Crane Trust and the Island Buildings Preservation Trust, and to learn about the important role trusts play in preserving buildings at risk. More details will be announced soon.

New location for Ryde Help Centre



The council's Ryde Help Centre has relocated from the High Street to Ryde Library in George Street from 23 June.

The venue change means there will be a wider range of services and easier access for customers, and brings together two different information services – the library and help centre – under the same roof.

Users of the relocated centre will be able to have key council inquiries dealt with – including residents' car park permits and advice on council tax and revenue and benefits issues.

The council's partners will also provide surgeries and a room for private interviews will be available for customers.

Head of customer first, Helen Frances, said: "The relocation of Ryde Help Centre to the library will help us improve and further develop the services available to residents and visitors to Ryde."

£5 million for road resurfacing

A major programme of works to improve Island road surfaces is to get underway during the coming year.

The three year programme is in advance of the Private Finance Initiative that will see unprecedented investment in the Island's highways network from 2011.

Roads across the Island will be resurfaced and improved in the coming year in a schedule compiled after taking into account criteria including the measured skid resistance and the accident records of the various stretches.

The work will cost around £5 million – including £1.75 million of extra money allocated this year to address residents' priorities.

Councillor Tim Hunter-Henderson, cabinet member for environment and transport, said: "This level of investment will begin to make a real difference and all road users will benefit not just motorists but cyclists as well. It is also important for the Island's tourism industry that roads are of a good standard."

Log on to the Eco Island website

The council has developed a new website to provide organisations and individuals with all the information they need about the Eco Island vision.

The site, at www.eco-island.org.uk, outlines Eco Island's guiding values, forthcoming eco-events, eco-priorities, ideas and achievements, as well as useful hints and details of how you can get involved. Log on to the website to find out more.



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Get Safe4Summer at Waterside Pool

Look out for *Get Safe4Summer*, an annual national water safety campaign at Ryde's Waterside Pool on 9 July.

Get Safe4Summer raises awareness that swimming in open water such as lakes, rivers and the sea is very different from swimming in a pool.

Sponsored by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS), National PE School Sport and Club Link Strategy (PESSCL), the regional campaign links with the council's parks and beaches department the Healthy Schools Initiative, Sandown School Sport Partnership, local emergency services and the voluntary sector.

The campaign is targeted at children aged between seven and 11 and aims to increase their knowledge of practical water safety skills.

Ten children from each of Ryde's primary schools will be chosen to attend the fun-packed day, and they will be asked to be champions for the campaign and give a talk to their classmates about what they have learned.

Increased opening hours at Westridge Tone Zone and squash

The newest Tone Zone gym at Westridge at Ryde has proved a popular addition to the council's Tone Zones at The Heights, Sandown and Medina Leisure Centre, Newport – so much so that the opening hours have been extended to accommodate public demand.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the centre is open between 9am and 1pm and 3pm and 9.30pm. Tuesday and Thursday opening times are from 3pm to 9.30pm.

For those who can't make it during the week, there's a Saturday session between 9am and 1pm.

Westridge Tone Zone is in the existing squash complex and has an emphasis on cardiovascular equipment, such as bikes, runners, and rowers. If you're new to the Tone Zones, you will need to complete an induction – this is free if you sign up for a One Card and pay by direct debit or annual payment – even more value as you get 12 months for the price of ten.

• For more information, contact Westridge on 566243, or email leisure.iow.gov.uk

New family gym sessions at The Heights and Westridge

Family gym sessions are a great way for the family to spend time together and get fit and have fun at the same time.

Family gym at The Heights and Westridge is for children aged between ten and 15. All the equipment is available for families, and staff will advise each step of the way to make sure the whole family gets the most from their Tone Zone visit.

At Westridge, family gym is on a Saturday morning, between 9.15am and 11.30am, and from 11.30am to 1.15pm at The Heights. Parents pay £5.20 each, and one child per adult is free (it will cost £3 for each additional child).

• Contact Westridge on 566243 or The Heights on 405594 for more information – or email: leisure@iow.gov.uk, website: leisure.iowight.com

Elections to new parish councils



The members of four new parish councils for the Island are now in place following elections at the start of May.

The new councils are at Newport, Ryde, Northwood and Whippingham.

Elections took place for a number of contested wards for the parish councils at Newport and Ryde, and there were also uncontested seats in these areas.

All the seats for the Northwood and Whippingham parish councils were uncontested.

Details of the membership of the new councils, together with other useful information on their roles and work, can be found in the parish council's section of the iowight.com website.

A better deal for tenants

A new housing allowance has been introduced to give private tenants more choice.

The Local Housing Allowance was introduced in April as part of a change in housing benefit legislation.

Under the new scheme, before you rent a property you will be able to find out how much Local Housing Allowance you are eligible to receive (with details obtainable from any council office or via the council's website).

The allowance will still be subject to a means test based on your income and savings.

If you would like more information on Local Housing Allowance and how it may affect your claim, contact the council either by phone (tel: 823950), in person or by visiting the iowight.com website.

Coaching boost for football club

Sandown and Lake Youth Football Club was recently awarded a grant of £676.50 by Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight to support volunteers taking Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses.

The grant was awarded following an application by the council's sports unit to a coaching and officiating scholarship scheme. The grant will help the club build on its existing set-up and enter under-eight and under-nine teams in the Isle of Wight Youth Football League next year.

Courses for sports clubs, volunteers and coaches

Valuing Sports Volunteers (Running Sports)
Saturday 21 June, 6pm to 9pm, Riverside Centre, Newport, cost £5.

A Club for All (Running Sports)
Saturday 13 September, 4pm to 7pm, Riverside Centre, Newport, cost £5.

Equity in your Coaching (Sports Coach UK)
Thursday 9 October, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, Riverside Centre, Newport, cost £8.

Safeguarding and Protecting Children (Sports Coach UK)
Thursday 20 November, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, Riverside Centre, Newport, cost £8.

Level 1 volleyball coaching course
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July, 9am to 5pm, Ryde Sports Centre, cost £45.

• All the above courses have been subsidised by the sports unit, as part of its commitment to developing and supporting local clubs and volunteers.

To book a place on any of these courses contact the sports unit on 823818 or sports.unit@iow.gov.uk. Places are limited so please book early.

Smoke alarms save lives



The Island's fire and rescue service is sending a message to all Island households, stressing the importance of smoke alarms.

It comes after the lives of three people were saved, almost certainly because their smoke alarms alerted them.

Early in May, a mother and daughter escaped through a window from a blaze in their Totland flat after they woke up when the smoke alarm sounded. In late April, a woman was rescued by firefighters from her Newport flat when residents in her block of flats heard her smoke alarm in the early hours of the morning.

Jeff Walls, fire service spokesman, said: "These two incidents in the space of a two weeks show the importance of smoke alarms. If the two properties in Newport and Totland did not have alarms, we'd probably be talking about the deaths of three people. Items lost in a fire can be replaced, lives can't, and you can buy a smoke alarm for less than the cost of two drinks in a pub. That's not much for something that could one day save the lives of you and your family."

Local residents can access a service provided by the fire and rescue service that offers free home safety checks. These include testing and installing smoke alarms and making sure they are positioned in the correct areas in a home. The visits also provide the homeowner with advice on general fire safety awareness and escape routes.

The safety checks are free of charge and available to anyone. They can be arranged by calling 525121 or by emailing firesafety@iow.gov.uk

There are also simple tests homeowners should do to make sure their smoke alarms are well maintained and in working order. Every week the alarm should be tested and the battery replaced every year. You should clean the alarm with a vacuum cleaner every six months and replace the smoke detector every ten years.

More details on home fire safety advice can be found at the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service website at www.iwfire.org and also at the council's website at www.iwight.com

Arts and dance focus

A round-up of activities from the council's arts unit

Open Studios

Artists across the Island will once again be opening their studios to the public as part of the annual Open Studios initiative in July.

Around 70 artists are expected to take part, giving people the chance to chat with them about their work, and even buy original art works.

The event this year will take place over two weekends: 18 to 21 July in south and west Wight and 25 to 28 July in north and east Wight.

For more information on artists and venues visit the website www.iow-openstudios.co.uk, or pick up a 2008 Arts Directory from libraries.

Libertango - Barrio de Tango, a show of Argentine tango

The passion and sensuality of Argentine tango will be on show at Medina Theatre, Newport on 26 July (8pm).

The performance with a live tango band and singer, centres on a story set in a Buenos Aires suburb, where a writer is inspired to write a book about the tango.

Tickets for the show are available from the theatre box office on 527020 and cost £10 and £8.

Summer school of dance

An annual school of dance for children aged six to 14 years takes place at Ryde High School from 18 to 22 August.



No experience is needed, just energy, imagination and enthusiasm. Participants work throughout the week towards a performance on the Friday afternoon for their friends and family.

The event sells out very quickly each year, so book early, from mid-June.

Tickets cost £45 for the week, and the sessions take place from 10am to 2pm.

For more information on any of these events or for a copy of the Arts or Dance Directory please contact the arts unit on 823813.

From five-a-side to dog chipping!

The council joined forces with partners including Medina Housing, South Wight Housing and Hampshire Police for a community advice initiative at Ryde at the end of May.

An information trailer was set up next to Waterside Pool on the seafront for four days, providing help including free dog chipping and bike wrapping (giving bicycles a security ID).

Town centre managers and police community support officers also gave advice on a range of other issues.

As part of the initiative a five a side football tournament was staged as well as events for youngsters at Ryde Youth Club.

Cabinet member for safer communities, Councillor Diana Tuson, said: "These events are part of our continuing drive to work with our partners to improve the quality of life for local residents."



School reforms

...the next stage

Formal consultation on the council's final proposals for school reforms is now underway. Here we provide an updated list of school sites and how they are affected by the changes

THE FINAL proposals for reforms to Island schools were published by the council last month and endorsed by the authority's cabinet at the start of June.

Under the proposals to raise education standards on the Island, there will be 38 primary schools and six secondary schools.

Twelve of the Island's current primary schools will be amalgamated and all middle schools will close. However, 14 of the current 16 middle school sites will be used under the proposals.

Two new primary schools will be built – one in the West Wight and one in Newport on the Downside Middle School site.

All the existing high school sites will be used under the proposals while many other schools will be expanded.

The formal consultation period will last until the end of September, and any major changes are scheduled to be phased in from September 2010.

Director of children's services, Steve Beynon, said: "These latest proposals have been modelled following consultation earlier this year and area-by-area meetings with education staff, governing bodies and pre-schools."

Council leader, Councillor David Pugh, said: "The proposals show we have been listening to what people are telling us. We are using as many of our existing facilities as possible and the Island will also be getting two brand new schools. I look forward to seeing the views the council receives during the current consultation period."

The consultation

Details of the consultation on the overall proposals will be available from 20 June on the council's website at www.iwight.com. For more information please visit the website or email moving.forward@iow.gov.uk

School-by-school details

All primary schools under the reforms will be for ages four to 11. All secondary schools under the reforms will be for ages 11 to 19.

East Wight

- **Bembridge CE Primary** – to continue on existing site, possible relocation to Forelands Middle site.
- **Nettlestone Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **St Helens Primary** – to close.
- **Forelands Middle** – to close.

South Wight

- **Niton Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **St Boniface CE Primary, St Margaret's CE Primary, St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary** – to all amalgamate and relocate to Ventnor Middle site (Joint Catholic and Church of England).
- **Ventnor Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).

South East Wight

- **Brading CE Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Broadlea Primary** – to relocate to Lake Middle site.
- **Gatten and Lake Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Sandown CE Primary and St John's CE Primary** – to amalgamate on the Sandown CE Primary site.
- **Shanklin CE Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Lake Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).
- **Sandham Middle** – to close (site to be used as part of new secondary school).
- **Sandown High** – to close and become new Sandown Secondary School (11 to 19) on Sandown High and Sandham Middle sites.

Ryde

- **Binstead Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Dover Park Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Greenmount Primary** – to relocate to Mayfield Middle site.
- **Haylands Primary** – to relocate to Swanmore Middle site (Haylands Primary site to be used as part of new secondary school).
- **Oakfield CE Primary** – to relocate to Bishop Lovett Middle site.
- **St Mary's Catholic Primary** – to continue on existing site, federation with St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary.
- **Bishop Lovett CE Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).
- **Mayfield CE Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).
- **Swanmore Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).

- **Ryde High** – to close and become new Ryde Secondary School (11 to 19) on Ryde High and Haylands Primary sites.

Newport

- **Barton Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Carisbrooke CE Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Hunnyhill Primary** – to relocate to Kitbridge Middle site.
- **Newport CE Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Nine Acres Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Summerfields Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary** – to continue federation with St Mary's Catholic Primary, Ryde, on existing site.
- **New primary school** – to be created on Downside Middle site.
- **Downside Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site and part of secondary school site).
- **Kitbridge Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site). *
- **Nodehill Middle** – to close.
- **Archbishop King Catholic Middle** – to close August 2008 (to be replaced by Christ the King College).
- **Trinity Middle** – to close August 2008 (to be replaced by Christ the King College).
- **Christ the King College (11 to 19)** – new school.
- **Carisbrooke High** – to close and become new Carisbrooke Secondary School (11 to 19) on Carisbrooke High site.
- **Medina High** – to close and become new Medina Secondary School (11 to 19) on Medina High and Downside Middle sites.

Central Rural area

- **Arreton St George's CE Primary** – to continue on existing site in federation with appropriate CE aided primary.
- **Chillerton and Rookley Primary, Godshill Primary, Wroxall Primary** – to amalgamate, forming new school on Godshill Primary and Wroxall Primary sites.
- **Newchurch Primary** – to continue on existing site.

West Wight

- **All Saints' CE Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Brighstone CE Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Shalfleet CE Primary, Yarmouth CE Primary** – to amalgamate on the Shalfleet Primary site.
- **St Saviour's Catholic Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Chale CE Primary** – to close.
- **Weston Primary** – to close.

- **New primary school** – on West Wight Middle site.
- **West Wight Middle** – to close (to be used as new primary school site).

Cowes

- **Cowes Primary** – to continue on existing site, but addition to site required.
- **Gurnard Primary** – to relocate to Solent Middle site.
- **Love Lane Primary** – to relocate to Somerton Middle site.
- **Northwood Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Solent Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).
- **Somerton Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).
- **Cowes High** – to close and become new Cowes Secondary School (11 to 19) on Cowes High site.

East Cowes

- **East Cowes Primary, Whippingham Primary** – to amalgamate to form new school on Osborne Middle site.
- **Holy Cross Catholic Primary** – to continue on existing site with possible relocation to Whippingham site.
- **Wootton Primary** – to continue on existing site.
- **Osborne Middle** – to close (to be used as primary school site).

* Interim proposals for Kitbridge Middle and Downside Middle

On 4 June the council began a separate consultation into proposals for the closure of Kitbridge Middle School and the expansion of Downside Middle School in the interim period prior to the proposed 2010 changes. This statutory consultation lasts for six weeks and ends on 15 July.

The proposals would see Kitbridge Middle School closed. As part of an expansion of Downside Middle School, the Kitbridge site would then become part of Downside. All current pupils at Kitbridge will continue to be taught at the school site, which will be managed by the Downside Middle leadership team and governing body. A majority of current staff at Kitbridge will be retained under the new set-up, meaning parents and students will not be disrupted during any changes.

People are invited to send in their views on the proposals. A public meeting was held at County Hall in Newport on 16 June. Meetings with staff and parents from both schools were also being held.

The Island once again took its place in the international music spotlight as tens of thousands of revellers were attracted to this year's Isle of Wight Festival. Here we celebrate the event in pictures

A stellar line-up of some of the world's best known and highly acclaimed acts helped make the 2008 Isle of Wight Festival one of the best yet.

Headliners The Kaiser Chiefs, the Sex Pistols and The Police each left their unique stamp on the event - supported by arguably the most eclectic ensemble of support acts and attractions yet assembled for the annual festival at Seaclose Park, Newport.

Estimates of how much of a boost to the Island's economy the festival brought vary, but it is confidently expected to run into millions of pounds. Event highlights were screened nightly on ITV2, taking the popularity of the event and the Island into homes across the country.

And once again - as seems to be customary for festival weekend - the weather stayed fine, despite some less-than promising forecasts.



Iggy Pop and the Stooges, main stage, Saturday



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The event in pictures

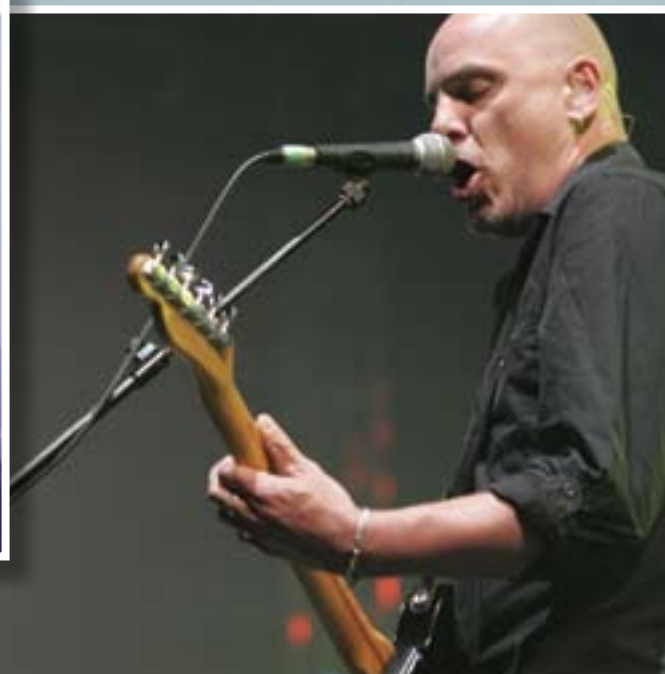
James, main stage, Sunday



Bjorn Again, big top, Thursday



The Kooks, main stage, Sunday



MAIN PICTURE Joe Lean and the Jing Jang Jong, main stage, Friday

The Stranglers, big top, Friday

Supporting the Eco Island vision

The Eco Island vision came to the Isle of Wight Festival this year, with organiser Solo ensuring the event was environmentally friendly in many ways.

Already conscious about the need to protect the environment, Solo, when artist Lily Allen pulled out the line-up, donated her fee to introducing extra green measures.

With the help of Proper Productions, environmental consultants to the music industry, a raft of green initiatives - including a headline campaign *Give Bees a Chance* - were introduced into this year's event and will also be at future festivals.

Festival promoter and organiser, John Giddings, said: "With the council recently announcing the Eco Island vision, this was definitely the year to make a positive difference. We are committed to ongoing improvement, with a long term vision to not only reduce our impact but also give something back to the Island."

This lasting legacy includes initiatives such as long term conservation projects like research into bee habitats and a repopulation programme for the indigenous black poplar tree. The festival is also forging partnerships with local business to keep the event as local as possible. This included linking up with the Taste of The Wight project that saw local food supplied backstage to performers.

In another area, the festival also took steps to ensure as much waste as possible was recycled locally. Aluminium cans collected will be donated to Medina High School's Green Teams for them to sell for profit, part funding their forthcoming education trip to Japan.

The event also linked up with the national liftshare scheme, and a cycle rental scheme was trialled.

New methods of power, including generators run on reused cooking oil collected locally by Wight Made Bio Diesel, were also piloted, and wind and solar energy were used to power some of the production offices and backstage area.

Council director of community services, Sarah Mitchell, said: "We are delighted the festival is supporting the Eco Island aims. Not only will their conscientious steps help the Island reduce its carbon footprint, but taking such innovative action at such an international event will also help to raise the profile both of Eco Island and the need to conserve our environment."

The council also used the festival to host the Island Experience marquee to showcase the Island as a visitor destination as well as to highlight Eco Island. As part of an agreement reached with Solo, the council was also able to give a number of festival tickets to looked-after children.





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MORE THAN 7,000 people attended the Island's first Big Green Picnic at Newport at the end of May.

The event

brought the Eco Island vision to Island residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds – and built on the hugely successful Eco Island conference held for the business sector earlier in the year.

The council, which organised the event, is already looking to the future and next year's event, as well as an Eco Island presence at this year's Isle of Wight Garlic Festival.

Events manager, Ruth Jones, said: "We are delighted that so many people attended the first Big Green Picnic. The feedback has been extremely encouraging, and it is clear that local people have a great interest in green issues and are really keen to help the Island achieve its Eco Island aims.

"We are already turning our attention to future events and all options are open in terms of location. There were many advantages to holding it in a central location but we will also consider the merits of moving it to a different location each year."

This year's event was held centrally in Newport, with the County Hall car park undergoing a transformation into a tented village.

The purpose of the Big Green Picnic was to highlight the aims of Eco Island to families and individuals in an entertaining and engaging way.

Numerous exhibits and stalls gave visitors the chance to sample local sustainable produce and many others gave information on how people can lead more sustainable lifestyles – from buying re-usable printer cartages and non-chlorine swimming pools to eating sustainable local food produce from businesses including Calbourne Classics, the Farmer Market, WI tea tent and Island Vegans and Vegetarians.

Visitors also enjoyed music from a Bestival Bandstand, and other attractions including face painting, a cinema tent and demonstrations of green vehicles.

Sponsors of the first Big Green Picnic included Southern Vectis – which provided discounted travel to the County Hall car park location – Liz Earle, Quay Arts, Vestas and Red Funnel.

Big Green Picnic

Celebrating
this year's event



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Creating green energy from waste

Answering your questions on the Island's new £8 million gasification plant...

ISLE OF Wight residents will soon be the first in the UK to benefit from pioneering technology that creates green energy from waste.

An £8 million gasification plant is being built at the Island Waste Services Forest Road site at Newport and is due to be operational later this summer.

The plant will generate 2.3 megawatts of electricity from fuel produced from waste – enough power for more than 2,000 homes.

The technology is being provided by ENERGOS, part of the UK based ENER-G group.

A sum of £2.7 million is being contributed towards the cost by Defra (Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). The project is part of the New Technology Demonstrator programme, which aims to promote innovative ways of reducing the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill.

What is gasification?

Gasification is a two-stage process in which waste is firstly converted into gas; this gas is then combusted to produce steam, which is then used to generate electricity. The technology is already being used in Norway and Germany, but not anywhere else in the UK.

What waste will be used?

Some of the waste that you place in your dustbin each week will be used. When your bin is collected it will be taken to the Resource

Recovery Facility in Forest Road. All the combustible waste such as plastic and cardboard will be extracted and used to make floc fuel. Commercial waste will also be accepted. In total about 60,000 tonnes of waste a year will be needed.

Is that why we place plastic, packaging and cardboard in the dustbin?

Yes. Remember this includes junk mail and glued catalogues (the ones you can't place in the recycling box) as well.

Shouldn't we be recycling?

Recycling is important, but we have to think about the overall environmental impact. With no reprocessors on the Island, all recycling is undertaken on the mainland. Materials like metals and glass are heavy, valuable, and easily recyclable in the UK. Other materials like plastics are inefficient to transport due to being light and bulky, and are often recycled abroad, further increasing the economic and environmental costs.

We get value from combustible waste such as plastic though, as it is extracted as floc fuel through the





PICTURED:
The gasification
plant at Forest
Road, Newport

Resource Recovery Facility (RRF). The RRF also extracts metals that you place in your dustbin. Steel is magnetic, so your old soup tin is taken out with a magnet, squashed and sent off for recycling. Other non-magnetic metals such as aluminium are also extracted and recycled.



So how can I help the environment?

Island residents have access to two recycling initiatives – the black box scheme, and the kitchen food waste scheme.

The kerbside recycling box is for stapled magazines, newspapers, textiles and glass bottles and jars. This is a fortnightly collection service. The green kitchen food waste bucket is for fruit and veg peelings, egg shells, bones, tea and coffee grounds, and leftover cooked and uncooked food. This bucket is collected weekly at the same time as your other refuse.

In addition, there are more than 50 bring sites where you can recycle glass, cans, and textiles; three civic amenity sites for many other types of waste, such as books, mobile phones, and garden waste; low cost compost bins, to help you compost at home; and a garden waste collection service using special green bags available from a variety of local shops.

Glass cannot be extracted by the Resource Recovery Facility. Any that you put in with your normal rubbish will end up in landfill. Glass is very valuable; it can be recycled indefinitely with no loss in quality. Using recycled glass rather than raw materials saves energy and resources so it is really important that you recycle this separately through the black box scheme or a local bring site.

More information

For further details please contact:

Isle of Wight Council
tel: 823777

website: www.iwight.com

Island Waste Services
tel: 821234

website: www.islandwaste.co.uk

ENERGOS
tel: 0161 7457450

Visit the websites to find out about ordering your kerbside recycling box and kitchen food waste bucket, and also about finding your local bring site or getting a low cost compost bin.

"This new facility ensures the Island is at the forefront of waste management in the UK."

Councillor Tim Hunter-Henderson, cabinet member for environment and transport

University partnership for Eco Island

The University of Southampton is joining forces with the Isle of Wight Council to bring special expertise to the Eco Island vision. Here we look at how the new partnership will support the project

THE UNIVERSITY of Southampton and the Isle of Wight Council are embarking on a number of innovative projects to help make the Eco Island vision a reality.

Following the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the university and the council, both organisations are now working to put the agreement into action.

Initiatives are being progressed that will use the university's expertise in sustainable energy, coastal engineering and waste management to help advance the Eco Island agenda and also improve learning and other opportunities throughout all walks of Island life.

As well as the environmental benefits of working with the university, the council hopes the close association will also unlock other educational, inspirational and health and wellbeing benefits for residents.

Experts from across the university will be involved in the projects.

It is hoped that external funding could support a major study into the sustainable habits of Islanders and the cultural changes required to help their contribution to Eco Island.

The university's School of Civil Engineering and the Environment

may also be supporting work to see exactly how the aims of Eco Island can be incorporated into the Island's highways Private Finance Initiative.

The school will also be working to chart the Island's progress in reducing its carbon footprint, undertaking work to identify suitable sites for wind farm and marine energy clusters and work out which balance of alternative electricity methods could best help the Island achieve its aims.

Also under consideration is the establishment of a university chair on the Island that could lead to part of a degree or undergraduate course being delivered locally.

Council leader, Councillor David Pugh, said: "Even though we are at a relatively early stage of our relationship with the University of Southampton, it is already clear that there are some really exciting possibilities.

"This agreement brings the University of Southampton to the heart of Island life. The vice-chancellor, Professor Bill Wakeham, and other colleagues will be playing a part in the Island Strategic Partnership which means there will be opportunity to apply the knowledge and expertise of the university to all walks of Island life."

Professor Wakeham said: "We are looking forward to working with the council across a range of

activities from sustainable energy sources, through waste treatment to education and social and health care. In each area we shall bring the university's considerable expertise to the challenges presented by this

innovative project. In doing so we hope to develop new approaches to sustainability and other topics which can be adopted elsewhere here in the UK and internationally."



University of Southampton

The University of Southampton is one of the UK's top ten research universities, offering first-rate opportunities and facilities for study and research across a wide range of subjects in health, humanities, science and engineering.

The university has more than 22,000 students, 5,000 staff and an annual turnover in the region of £325 million, and is one of the country's top institutions for engineering, computer science and medicine, and home to a range of world-leading research centres. These include the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research, the Optoelectronics Research Centre, the Centre for the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease, and the Mountbatten Centre for International Studies.

Eco Island is the Island's initiative to become the greenest place in the UK, self-sufficient in renewable electricity by 2020 while also creating wealth and opportunity for residents.

Nature notes

The buzz of bees droning methodically from flower to flower is one of the sounds of summer. We value the honey and wax produced by colonies of honey bees, but sometimes overlook their vital role in pollinating fruit and vegetable crops.

Wild bees are also essential providers of this service. Since flowery grassland has become scarce, gardens have become valuable to bumble bees, and six or seven species (of the 25 found in Britain) can be seen in most gardens. They differ in coloration, body size, and especially in tongue length, which is important in determining which flowers the bee can pollinate while collecting nectar. The colonies do not store large amounts of honey as they die at the end of summer. Queens hibernate over the winter and build new nests in spring; some species nest underground in abandoned burrows, and others above ground in dense grass or leaf-litter.

More than 200 species of solitary bees are found in Britain. They do not have colonies and each female builds only a small nest, stocked with pollen to provide food for her offspring. After egg-laying, the bee seals the nest and dies. Mining bees nest in the ground and seal the



PICTURED: A worker honey bee carrying pollen, approaching Tall Melilot flowers (photograph by Cat James)

nest with soil. Others nest inside hollow structures like plant stems, crevices in brickwork, or dead trees. Mason bees plug their nest with mud, and leaf-cutter bees use pieces of freshly gathered leaves.

If left alone, they may nest in the same area year after year, providing benefit by pollinating fruit trees, shrubs and other garden plants and helping to ensure good harvests later in the season.

Anne Marston
assistant ecology officer



'The Buzz is Back', from 23 to 29 June, is National Insect Week. Check out www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk for lots of fascinating facts and details of surveys on painted lady butterflies and hummingbird hawkmoths.

Cliff path repaired and reopened

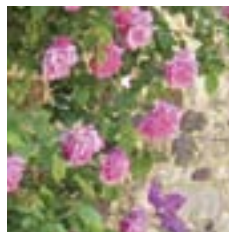


The closed section of Cliff Path near Lake Cliff Gardens has reopened after repair works were completed in early May.

The timber shuttering supporting the path failed, and part of the path was lost. The council appointed consultant Mott MacDonald to design a repair to reinstate the path on its original alignment.

The repair involved stabilizing the cliff face with mesh and rock anchors, before reconstructing the timber shuttering. The gap between the cliff face and timber shuttering was then filled with a lightweight granular material, allowing the path to be reinstated.

• For more information on the path please contact acting coastal manager, Peter Marsden, tel: 857220 or email peter.marsden@iow.gov.uk



Seasonal hint for your garden

House sparrows and blue tits will help control greenfly and blackfly on your roses. It has been estimated that a brood of young blue tits may devour up to one million aphids while their parents are feeding them.

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ACTIVITIES

Roman Voices Writing Competition

(27 June – 23 August)
Friends of Brading Roman Villa competition from now until closing date on 23 August, with prizes for winning poems or short stories on the theme of the Island's Roman heritage, adults £3 per entry, children free, details and entry form at www.bragingromanvilla.org.uk

All Saints' Church Flower Festival

(27-29 June)
All Saints' Church, Newchurch, titled Floral Poetry, refreshments in the church hall 10am to 4pm (27-28 June), cream teas 2pm to 4pm (29 June), stalls selling plants, books, fair-trade items etc, barn dance at Newchurch Community Hall on 28 June (7pm), dancing to live music by Reel Tyme Celilidh Band, tickets £5 (including ploughman's supper

and summer punch), tel: 400364.

Calbourne Gardens

(29 June)
A selection of gardens open throughout the village, 11am to 5pm, free parking in centre of village, morning coffee and lunches available in recreation centre, admission £3, children free.

Canine Partners Puppy Training Open Day

(23 July)
Training puppies to become assistance dogs to transform the lives of people with disabilities, Shorwell Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.30pm, contact Carol Court, tel: 07812 672702.

Isle of Wight RSPCA Gala Day

(27 July)
Come and support your local RSPCA animal centre, at Bohemia Corner, Merstone Lane, Godshill, with dog show, dog agility, many

stalls, refreshments, barbecue, children's entertainment, grand raffle, 11am to 4pm, £2.50 adults, children free.

EXHIBITIONS

Luke Ellison, Coastal Abstraction

(5-30 June)
Bembridge photographer Luke Ellison explores the Island's coastline with stunning portraiture of rock, earth, sand and sea, Café Wall, Quay Arts.

Eric Geddes, Still Moments

(16 June – 9 August)
A range of extraordinary work by local sculptor Eric Geddes, marking the 30 years of his career, Michael West Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport.

Art Exhibition

(28-29 June)
An array of paintings for sale by the SK Art Group, Shanklin, and exhibited at Ventnor Botanic Garden on

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June, 10am to 5pm.

Exhibition of Oil Paintings

(1-29 July)
Paintings by Patricia Jarratt, at Freshwater Library, usual opening hours, works for sale, proceeds towards Macmillan Nurses.

Island Art Society

(17-24 July)
Exhibition of members' work, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm, admission free, paintings for sale.

Andrew Dowden Ceramic Designs

(18-21 July)
As part of Open Studio Weekend view individually designed and carved ceramic wall plaques and ceramic forms, at 29 Ventnor Road, Apse Heath, on Friday 18 and Monday 21 July (10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm and 6pm to 8pm), on Saturday 19 July (10am to 1pm only), on Sunday 20 July (11am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm), contact Lisa Dowden, tel: 867505.

FAIRS

St Helen's Village Fayre

(29 June)
St Helen's Green, 10am to 3.30pm, a chance for charities to raise funds.

Brook Village and Church Fete

(5 July)
Old fashioned village fete with traditional stalls and entertainments, fun for all the family, at Brook Village Green, 2pm to 4.30pm.

Book Fair

(13 July)
A book, postcard and ephemera fair, Village Hall, High Street, Bembridge, 10am to 3.30pm, contact Stephen Lloyd, tel: 520493.

MUSIC

Music from the Movies

(27-29 June)
Ventnor Theatre Group



Luke Ellison, Coastal Abstraction, Quay Arts, Newport, 5 to 30 June

present an evening of live music, singing and dancing, with songs from movies past and present, Ventnor Winter Gardens, 7.30pm (27 and 28 June) and 2.30pm (29 June), also Tuesday nights throughout July and August at 7.30pm, contact the box office in advance for tickets, tel: 857581, or tickets on the door.

St John's Church Choir

(28 June)
St John's (Newport) concert for Holy Trinity Church repair fund, Holy Trinity Church, Ryde, 7.30pm.

Bonchurch Village Singers

(11 July)
A warm welcome awaits at the summer concert, a varied programme with retiring collection for church funds, at St John's Church, Wroxall, 7.30pm.

Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike

(20 July)
Vaguely Sunny in partnership with Quay Arts presents the leading American bluegrass group, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 8pm, tickets

£15, tel: Quay Arts box office 822490.

SHOWS

Brighstone Summer Show

(19 July)
The 112th summer show, Warnes Lane playing field, Brighstone, 12.30pm to 4pm.

THEATRE

All's Well That Ends Well

(31 July – 1 August)
Open air performances of William Shakespeare's play, by International professional company Theatre Set-Up, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 7.30pm, tickets £9.50 adults, £8 concessions, £6 children (under 16), advance booking in person at tourist information centres, telephone credit card booking on 863151 or at the Jazz Festival Office, Ventnor, tel: 856206/856200, tickets also available on gate on performance night, refreshments available, bring your own rugs or folding chairs, performance continues regardless of weather.

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